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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: AIR 23-60: The (allied) Far West Germany

1. This estimate was scheduled as part of the regular Estimating Program. The Planning Board agenda calls for a discussion of this subject when the estimate is available.
2. Although the estimate was for the most part coordinated without difficulty, minority views persist on two major points:
 - a. The Air Force representative objects to statements that the West Germans fear that US nuclear capabilities will continue to be as much a deterrent to Soviet action in Europe as heretofore, arguing that German doubts and concerns are with what are considered US unpredictability and unpredictability. The J-2 representative has also reserved on this point.
 - b. State argued vigorously in favor of playing up the possibility that West Germany may move toward neutralism or accommodation with the USSR as a result of either:

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- (1) a severe blow to West German confidence in the US (e.g., a "retreat" on Berlin or major troop withdrawal); or
- (2) continued Soviet pressure plus a progressive alienation of West Germany from its allies -- with the West Germans blaming their allies by their assertiveness and in turn resenting the criticism this arouses -- leading ultimately to West Germany's isolation from its allies and acceptance of accommodation as the only alternative.

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